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## **COUPLE SENTENCED FOR \$200,000 FRAUD AGAINST IPS**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that today TANGI L. JACKSON-NIBBS, 41, Indianapolis, was sentenced to 32 months imprisonment, and her husband, KEVIN L. NIBBS, 44, was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment and six months home detention by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following their previously entered guilty pleas to conspiracy to commit mail fraud. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Indianapolis Public Schools Police.

The NIBBS' conspired with two other defendants to defraud Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) of nearly \$200,000 by creating and submitting fraudulent invoices for services never provided to the school system.

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Leading the conspiracy was TANGI L. JACKSON-NIBBS, who at the time was director of the IPS Management Information Systems Department. She and her husband, KEVIN L. NIBBS, developed a scheme to create artificial businesses and then have those businesses submit fraudulent invoices to IPS for computer consultation services never performed. JACKSON-NIBBS would then approve the invoices for payment and caused IPS officials to pay the claims. The claims were paid to artificial businesses which had been created by the NIBBS' and by TANGI L. JACKSON-NIBBS' brother-in-law, GENE F. MARSHALL. After the claims were paid, the payment checks were retrieved and negotiated by the NIBBS', MARSHALL, and by DEMETRIUS A. JACKSON, who is TANGI L. JACKSON-NIBBS' brother. The illegal proceeds were shared among the conspirators, but the great majority of the funds were ultimately received by TANGI L. JACKSON-NIBBS.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also ordered that the NIBBS serve staggered terms of incarceration to permit them to care for their five minor children. Judge McKinney also imposed three years supervised release following the NIBBS' imprisonments. NIBBS was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$195,680, and the United States was granted a judgement of forfeiture for the NIBBS' assets.

MARSHALL and JACKSON were sentenced on December 10 by Judge McKinney.

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